

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1076

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Yvonne W. Garrett upon winning the 2010 Ms. Tennessee Senior America Pageant.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who bring beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative woman is Yvonne W. Garrett of Columbia, who was recently crowned the 2010 Ms. Tennessee Senior America; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. Senior America Pageant is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and honor women who have reached the age of elegance; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. Tennessee Senior America Pageant awards those women who best exemplify the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all senior Americans, recognizing that seniors are the foundation of America and that it is because of their knowledge, experience, and resources that younger generations have the opportunity to build a stronger society; and

WHEREAS, a highly-respected member of the Columbia community, Yvonne Garrett lives a life permeated in every aspect by her positive philosophy that happiness and love spread joy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Garrett spent her junior high and high school years in Los Angeles, California, and attended Area Tech College and UWM of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, before retiring in 2006, Mrs. Garrett served with acumen and alacrity for the General Motors Company for more than twenty-eight years as a Statistical Process Control Engineer; she transferred to Saturn in Spring Hill in 1995; and

WHEREAS, a lady of unwavering purpose and commitment, Yvonne Garrett volunteers with the Maury County animal shelter, in which capacity she organizes the summer work

schedules for students, makes name tags and business cards, directs students in caring for animals and their habitat, conducts job placement training, and organizes events such as the grand opening of the Maury County Animal Shelter and "The Week of the Animal," which was a nation-wide celebration for animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Garrett has accomplished much in her laudable life, always giving of her time and talents to the causes she believes in, such as youth development and animal safety; she has also been active in serving her community at the Maury County Senior Center, where she has helped teach senior citizens about computers; and

WHEREAS, a woman of numerous interests and abilities, Yvonne Garrett operates the Consignment Shop, which has become one of Franklin's best-known fashion stores under her ownership; and

WHEREAS, hailing from a family of renowned vocalists and musicians, such as her brother Keith Sweat, Yvonne Garrett is admired for her musical ability, demonstrated in her original song, "Wisdom," and in the two albums she has recorded; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Garrett's many accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the loving companionship of her husband of twelve years, Charles Edward Garrett, and of her seven children and twelve grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Garrett is an exemplary woman whose life is defined by strong belief in passionately engaging life, and she is a firm example of family values and service to others who should be specially honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Yvonne W. Garrett upon being crowned the 2010 Ms. Tennessee Senior America, commend her for her meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee, and wish her every success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.